In the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaner brushroll, comprising:

a brushroll body; and

at least one row of bristle tufts disposed on the brushroll body, with the at least one row of bristle tufts comprising a first tuft of a first effective length from the brushroll body and at least a second tuft of a second effective length that is different from the first effective length, with the first tuft being oriented at a first angle with respect to a radius direction of the brushroll body and with the second tuft being oriented at a second angle.

2. (Original) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first diameter and the second tuft is of a second diameter that is different from the first diameter.

3. (Original) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first stiffness and the second tuft is of a second stiffness that is different from the first stiffness.

4. (Original) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first material and the second tuft is of a second material that is different from the first material.

5. (Original) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first color and the second tuft is of a second color that is different from the first color.

6. (Original) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first number of bristles and the second tuft is of a second number of bristles that is different from the first number of bristles.

7. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the at least one row of bristle tufts is substantially radially-outwardly oriented from the brushroll body.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Withdrawn) A vacuum cleaner brushroll, comprising:

a brushroll body; and

at least one row of substantially radially-outwardly oriented bristle tufts disposed on the brushroll body, with a particular tuft of the at least one row comprising first bristles of a first effective length from the brushroll body and at least second bristles of a second effective length that is different from the first effective length.

10. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are of a first diameter and the second bristles are of a second diameter that is different from the first diameter.

11. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are of a first stiffness and the second bristles are of a second stiffness that is different from the first stiffness.

12. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are of a first material and the second bristles are of a second material that is different from the first material.

13. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are of a first color and the second bristles are of a second color that is different from the first color.

14. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are formed of a first number of bristles and the second bristles are formed of a second number of bristles that is different from the first number of bristles.

15. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a vacuum cleaner brushroll, said method comprising:

providing a brushroll body; and

providing at least one row of bristle tufts disposed on the brushroll body, with the at least one row of bristle tufts comprising a first tuft of a first effective length from the brushroll body and at least a second tuft of a second effective length that is different from the first effective length, with the first tuft being oriented at a first angle with respect to a radius direction of the brushroll body and with the second tuft being oriented at a second angle.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first diameter and the second tuft is of a second diameter that is different from the first diameter.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first stiffness and the second tuft is of a second stiffness that is different from the first stiffness.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first material and the second tuft is of a second material that is different from the first material.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first color and the second tuft is of a second color that is different from the first color.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first number of bristles and the second tuft is of a second number of bristles that is different from the first number of bristles.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein the at least one row of bristle tufts is substantially radially-outwardly oriented from the brushroll body.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a vacuum cleaner brushroll, said method comprising:

providing a brushroll body; and

providing at least one row of substantially radially-outwardly oriented bristle tufts disposed on the brushroll body, with a particular tuft of the at least one row comprising first bristles of a first effective length from the brushroll body and at least second bristles of a second effective length that is different from the first effective length.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first bristles are of a first diameter and the second bristles are of a second diameter that is different from the first diameter.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first bristles are of a first stiffness and the second bristles are of a second stiffness that is different from the first stiffness.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first bristles are of a first material and the second bristles are of a second material that is different from the first material.

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first bristles are of a first color and the second bristles are of a second color that is different from the first color.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first tuft is of a first number of bristles and the second tuft is of a second number of bristles that is different from the first number of bristles.